

We claim:

1. A process for preparation of amorphous donepezil hydrochloride, which comprises:

5 a) dissolving donepezil hydrochloride in a mixture of an alcohol and a chlorinated solvent; and

b) removing the solvents from the solution;

wherein the alcohol is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, isopropyl alcohol, tert-butyl alcohol and n-butyl alcohol and the chlorinated solvent is selected from the group consisting of chloroform, methylene dichloride, carbontetrachloride and ethylene dichloride.

10 2. A process according to claim 1, wherein the solvents are removed by vacuum drying.

3. A process according to claim 3, wherein the solvents are removed by spray drying.

15 4. A process according to claim 3, wherein the alcohol is methanol or ethanol and the chlorinated solvent is methylene dichloride or chloroform.